Crop Report

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Crop Report for September 30, 2007

Saskatchewan farmers have harvested 87 per cent of the 2007 crop, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report. This is up from 78 per cent last week. Last year, harvesting progress stood at 92 per cent; the five-year average (2002-06) is 79 per cent harvested.

The southwest remains furthest along at 99 per cent complete, followed by the southeast with 98 per cent harvested. The northeast remains the furthest behind at 56 per cent complete. Last year, the northeast was at 85 per cent complete.

Grain dryers are running, as good drying weather has not been readily available.

During the past week, crop damage was caused by flooding, frost, hail, water fowl, wild game, winds, and rain. Quality for the crop that remains to be harvested is being downgraded due to sprouting, staining, and bleaching.

Farmers are spraying, fertilizing, hauling bales, picking rocks, and doing other fall work.

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Saskatchewan Harvest Progress by Crop District at Sept. 30, 2007
(total of all crops)

Crop District	% Combined	% Other
1a	99	0
1b	97	0
2a	97	0
2b	99	0
3ase	98	2
3asw	98	2
3an	98	0
3bs	98	0
3bn	99	1
4a	97	1
4b	96	3
South	**98**	**1**
5a	89	0
5b	71	1
6a	90	0
6b	80	0
7a	96	0
7b	95	0
Central	**86**	**0**
8a	55	0
8b	57	0
9ae	53	0
9aw	63	0
9b	79	2
North	**62**	**0**
SK	**86**	**0**

Important Note:

If you have noticed that your precipitation is not recorded in this weeks report or if it is incorrect, it is due to a malfunction of our fax machine. For Report number 25 we also had a power outage. If you notice a discrepency, please re-submit your report so that we can keep our records up-to-date. Sorry for the inconvienience.

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Harvest completion remained at 92 per cent due to northern and some central areas still experiencing surplus moisture.

Crop damage was caused by flooding, frost, water fowl, wild game, winds and rain.

Other quality concerns were sprouting, staining, and bleaching.

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Any contract with 2007 premiums not paid or not having approved payment arrangements made by March 31, 2008 will not be eligible for continued coverage and will be cancelled.

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South eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	99
Spring wheat	98	95
Durum	99	98
Oats	97	90
Barley	99	96
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	85	50
Flax	92	71
Canola	99	95
Mustard	100	99
Sunflowers	6	0
Lentils	100	96
Peas	100	99
Canary seed	92	79
Chickpeas	98	93
Total	**98**	**93**

South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

The south eastern region saw generally good harvesting weather this past week. An average of 6 mm was reported, ranging from an average low of 3 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 3ase, to an average high of 10 mm reported in CD 2b. Over 15 mm was reported in the Qu'Appelle area. Wind and frost damage were reported in a few localities.

Ninety-eight per cent of the 2007 south eastern crop has been harvested, with a further 1% lying in the swath or ready to straight combine. Crops that are less than 95% harvested include flax, sunflowers, canary seed, and triticale.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land in the southeast are similar to last week with 19% rated as being adequate. Hay and pasture land is drier with 15% rated as having adequate topsoil moisture, compared to 19% last week. A good general rain would be welcome for many areas.

Farmers are spraying, baling straw, hauling bales, harrowing, cultivating, cleaning corrals, fixing fence, picking rocks, cleaning seed, and getting rid of flax straw.

Pastures continue to be poor in the Montmartre area and cattle are being moved to stubble fields.

South western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	100
Spring wheat	99	99
Durum	99	98
Oats	99	95
Barley	100	98
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	99	96
Flax	88	55
Canola	100	99
Mustard	100	99
Sunflowers	100	50
Lentils	100	99
Peas	99	99
Canary seed	99	91
Chickpeas	97	91
Total	**99**	**98**

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

Some areas of the southwest finally received some welcome rain showers this past week. An average of 17 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 5 mm reported in CD 3asw, to an average high of 35 mm reported in CD 4a. Close to 50 mm was received in the Maple Creek area. The dry weather has been damaging to fall-seeded crops. In areas where the rain fell, farmers seeded some fall rye and winter wheat.

Ninety-nine per cent of the 2007 south western crop has been harvested. Flax is the only crop that is less than 95% harvested. The later harvested crops showed some frost damage.

Topsoil moisture conditions improved with the rainfall this past week. Forty per cent of the crop land is rated as having very short topsoil moisture, compared with 68% last week. Conditions have also improved on hay and pasture land with 45% of the land rated as having short topsoil moisture, compared to 69% last week. Cattle are being moved to areas of better feed.

Some reporters did some moisture probing and found moisture in stubble fields was anywhere from 3 to 6 inches down.

Water supplies continue to be inadequate in the Bengough, Coderre, and Mankota areas. In some cases, the cattle are being brought home to water, or are having water hauled to them.

Farmers were picking rocks, hauling bales, hauling grain, fencing, baling hay and straw, and spraying weeds. The dry ground has limited fall field work and the amount of fall-seeded crops. From the Moose Jaw area, it was reported that winter wheat seeded a month ago still has not germinated.

Sask. harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	98	95
Spring wheat	83	74
Durum	97	95
Oats	74	60
Barley	86	78
Fall rye	98	97
Triticale	97	91
Flax	70	51
Canola	84	74
Mustard	95	92
Sunflowers	6	2
Lentils	99	97
Peas	98	96
Canary seed	78	58
Chickpeas	96	90
Total	**87**	**78**

East central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	100	99
Spring wheat	84	71
Durum	90	87
Oats	76	58
Barley	86	76
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	95	n/a
Flax	47	30
Canola	87	73
Mustard	91	85
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	99	99
Peas	99	95
Canary seed	71	32
Chickpeas	100	95
Total	84	71

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

After a wet start, the east central region saw good combining weather during the latter part of the week. An average of 13 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 10 mm reported in CD 6a, to an average high of 18 mm reported in CD 5b. Over 25 mm was reported in the Wynyard area. The rains caused weathering and some flooding damage to crops. There was also frost and wind damage reported.

Eighty-four per cent of the 2007 east central crop has been combined, and a further 15% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight combined. Crops that are less than 90% harvested include spring wheat, oats, flax, canola, sunflowers, and canary seed. Some crops were being combined tough and dried.

Topsoil moisture conditions improved, with 76% of the crop, hay and pasture land being rated as having adequate topsoil moisture, compared with 67% last week.

Aster yellows were a yield stealer in the Insinger area where canola swaths looked like they could yield 40 to 45 bushels per acre, but actually yielded 14 to 18 bushels per acre. Volunteer growth and weed growth are generally heavy and hampering harvest.

Farmers are starting to harvest corn in the Ituna area. Fall work includes baling, harrowing, spraying, hauling bales, summerfallowing, and soil testing. Fall crops are emerging well in the Nokomis area.

West central harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	99	99
Spring wheat	87	80
Durum	91	84
Oats	65	54
Barley	92	87
Fall rye	100	99
Triticale	99	95
Flax	39	27
Canola	95	87
Mustard	90	82
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	98	98
Peas	98	97
Canary seed	79	42
Chickpeas	85	81
Total	90	83

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

The west central region was cool, windy, and damp for much of last week, but turned warmer on the weekend. The precipitation average for the west central region last week was 8 mm, ranging from an average low of 3 mm reported in CD 7b, to an average high of 13 mm reported in CD 6b. There was frost, wind, and weathering damage. The wind knocked swaths around, further adding to the challenges of harvest. Hail was reported in the Major area. Bleaching was a concern.

The harvest completion average moved to 90% for the west central region, with 8% lying in the swath or ready to straight combine. Crops with less than 90% harvested include spring wheat, oats, flax, sunflowers, canary seed, and chickpeas.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland improved slightly during the past week. Sixty-three per cent of the crop land and 68 per cent of the hay and pasture land were rated as having adequate topsoil moisture.

Migrating ducks and geese damaged crops in the Hanley, Conquest, and Rosthern areas. Wild game also damaged crops in the Hanley area.

Farmers were spraying, hauling bales, and moving cattle. Many community pastures are sending stock home. Rural fall suppers have started.

North eastern harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	79	79
Spring wheat	43	33
Durum	30	30
Oats	58	35
Barley	62	46
Fall rye	92	53
Triticale	65	32
Flax	13	6
Canola	57	45
Mustard	79	65
Sunflowers	n/a	50
Lentils	85	85
Peas	88	79
Canary seed	17	16
Chickpeas	60	48
Total	56	42

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

The northeast had poor harvest weather until near the end of the past week. An average of 12 mm of precipitation was reported across the region, ranging from an average low of 9 mm reported in CD 9ae, to an average high of 14 mm reported in CD 8b. Frost, wind, and weathering damage were reported. Sprouting and bleaching were concerns.

Harvest completion moved to 56% for the northeast, with 38% either swathed or ready to straight combine. Crops less than 50% harvested include spring wheat, durum, flax, sunflowers, and canary seed. Farmers have been able to start harvesting alfalfa and red clover forage seed crops.

Grain dryers and aeration bins are helping harvest along as tough grain is taken off.

Topsoil moisture conditions improved slightly during the past week. Ninety-nine per cent of the crop land and 98% of the hay and pasture land were reported as having adequate topsoil moisture.

Farmers were also baling straw and hauling bales.

North western harvesting progress		
	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	98	84
Spring wheat	65	40
Durum	100	100
Oats	51	39
Barley	71	54
Fall rye	100	100
Triticale	100	100
Flax	42	26
Canola	80	68
Mustard	95	85
Sunflowers	n/a	n/a
Lentils	100	100
Peas	99	93
Canary seed	0	n/a
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	72	55

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The north western region had rain, wind, and a wide variation in temperature (0 to 25°C) during the past week. An average of 3 mm of precipitation was reported, with an average of 2 mm reported in CD 9b, and an average of 5 mm reported in CD 9aw. Wind and frost caused the majority of the crop damage. The wind broke off heads and spread swaths around. Sprouting was evident.

Harvest progress moved to 72% for the northwest, with a further 22% lying in the swath or ready to be straight combined. Grain dryers were being used last week. Crops less than 75% harvested include spring wheat, oats, barley, flax, sunflowers, and canary seed.

Topsoil moisture conditions were similar to the previous week. Ninety-one per cent of the crop land and 85% of the hay and pasture land were rated as having adequate topsoil moisture.

Geese and ducks damaged crops in the Turtleford, St. Walburg, Rapid View, and Pierceland areas. Wheat midge damage was heavier than expected in some areas.

Some farmers have started fall weed control. Cattle are coming home from community pastures.

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at September 30, 2007						
	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Harvested		
	2007	2006	Average 2002-06	2007	2006	Average 2002-06
Winter wheat	1	0	1	98	100	98
Spring wheat	14	5	18	83	94	72
Durum	2	1	10	97	99	81
Oats	20	11	24	74	86	60
Barley	11	6	15	86	93	74
Fall rye	1	0	1	98	100	92
Triticale	2	0	n/a	97	100	n/a
Flax	20	20	20	70	67	44
Canola	16	11	27	84	89	69
Mustard	4	4	10	95	95	82
Sunflowers	0	2	1	6	10	3
Lentils	1	1	4	99	99	90
Peas	2	0	2	98	100	95
Canary seed	14	23	20	78	72	60
Chickpeas	3	5	8	96	92	62
Total	12	7	16	87	92	79

Weekly Rainfall Summary
(in millimeters)

for the week ending September 29, 2007

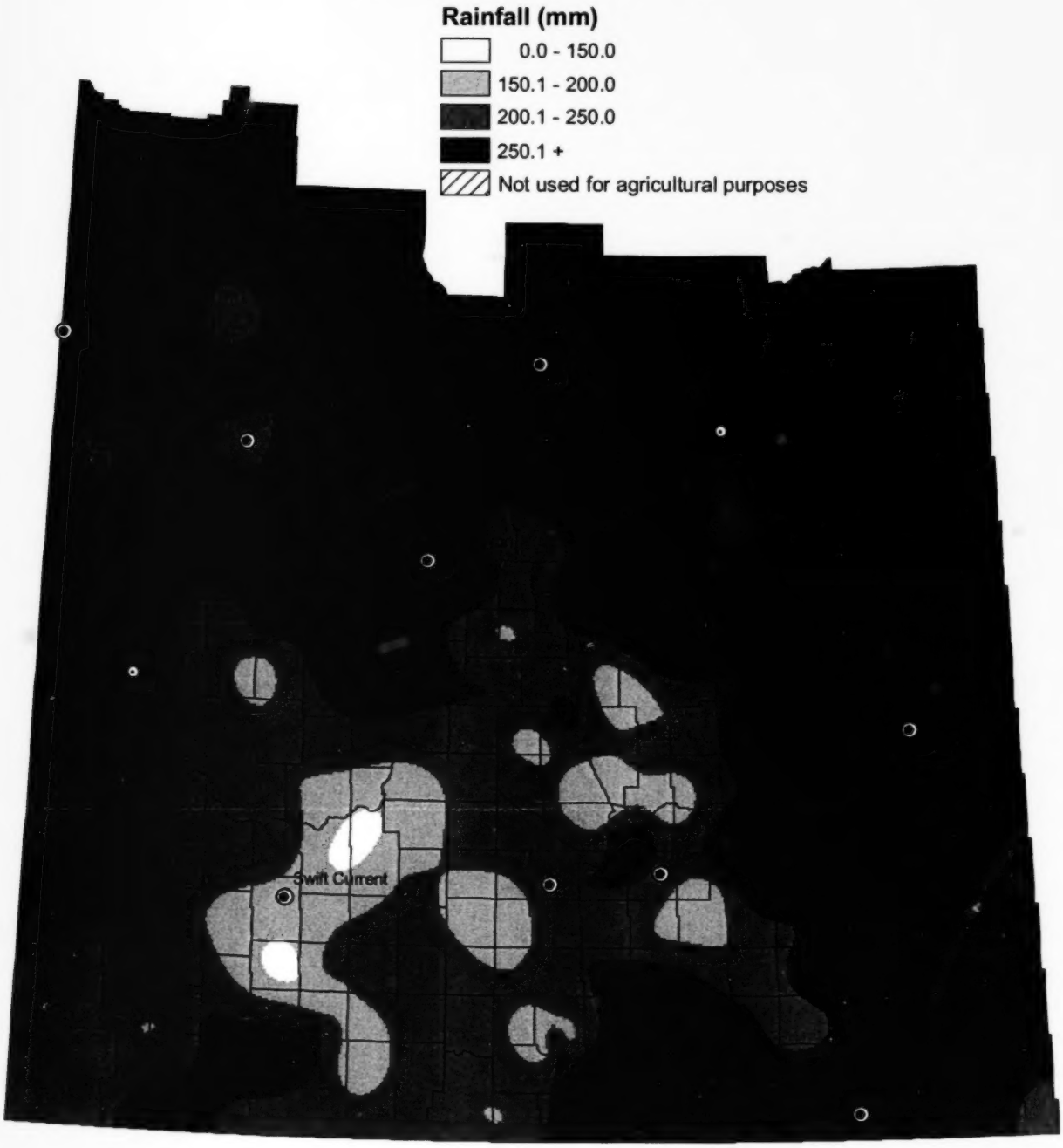
Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	3	Enniskillen	3	312
	33 A	Moose Creek	3	251*
	65	Tecumseh	6	272
1B	94	Hazelwood	2	393
	95	Golden West	5	335
	123	Silverwood	4	366
	124	Kingsley	4	447
	125	Chester	12	287
	151 B	Rocanville	8	394
	154	Elcapo	NIL	420
	155	Wolseley	4	349
2A	36	Cymri	7	362
	68	Brokenshell	6	314
	69	Norton	7	270*
	96	Fillmore	6	321
	99	Caledonia	10	331
2B	126	Montmartre	3	245
	127	Francis	11	293
	156 B	Indian Head	13	353
	157	South Qu'appelle	17	374
	158	Edenwold	6	233*
	160	Pense	10	249
	161	Moose Jaw	21	245
	191	Marquis	10	227
3ASE	9	Surprise Valley	3	329
	38 A	Laurier	6	322
	39 B	The Gap	NIL	304
3ASW	42	Willow Bunch	5	243
	43 A	Old Post	3	239
	44	Waverley	9	216
	70	Key West	6	229*
	71 A	Excel	NIL	287
	71 B	Excel	2	219
	71 C	Excel	3	218
	73 A	Stonehenge	12	201
3AN	101 B	Terrell	9	244
	102	Lake Johnston	9	207
	132	Hillsborough	3	153
	134	Shamrock	5	212
	193	Eyebrow	5	228
	194	Enfield	5	174
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	13	321
	45	Mankota	11	181
	77	Wise Creek	25	269
	78 B	Grassy Creek	30	262
	105	Glenbain	8	243
	106	Whiska Creek	9	208
	108	Bone Creek	24	221
3BN	136	Coulee	17	191
	138	Webb	1	184
	165	Morse	20	138
	167	Sask. Landing	22	226
	225	Canaan	18	149
4A	19	Frontier	20	269
	49 A	White Valley	30	205
	51	Reno	19	225
	109 A	Carmichael	25	225
	110	Piapot	41	231
	111 A	Maple Creek	48	223
	111 B	Maple Creek	47	211
4B	139	Gull Lake	29	206
	141	Big Stick	38	253
	142	Enterprise	31	294
	169	Pittville	25	218*
	231	Happyland	10	268
	232	Deer Forks	13	211
5A	185	Mcleod	2	363
	186	Abernethy	9	282
	187	North Qu'appelle	10	266
	216 A	Tullymet	20	357
	216 B	Tullymet	24	276
	241	Calder	1	265
	243	Wallace	15	320*
	245 A	Garry	19	409
	245 B	Garry	15	303
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	13	323
	247	Kellross	11	329
5B	271	Cote	11	339
	275 A	Insinger	21	364
	276	Foam Lake	19	381
	277	Emerald	17	268
	304	Buchanan	14	392
	307	Elfros	16	366
	308	Big Quill	29	329
	338	Lakeside	15	345
	366 B	Kelvington	20	285
	367 B	Ponass Lake	23	247*
6A	189	Lumsden	14	293
	190 A	Dufferin	12	N/A
	190 B	Dufferin	12	190
	190 C	Dufferin	13	246
	219 C	Longlaketon	13	231*
	220	Mckillop	9	169
	221	Sarnia	8	214
	222	Craik	6	212
	251	Big Arm	7	271
	252	Arm River	1	175
	280	Wreford	TR	200
	282	Mccraney	7	250
	309	Prairie Rose	16	344
	312	Morris	13	206
	339 B	Leroy	14	311
	340 A	Wolverine	16	316
	343	Blucher	12	284
6B	254	Loreburn	20	241
	283	Rosedale	15	253
	284	Rudy	20	308
	285	Fertile Valley	13	318
	286	Milden	8	241
	344	Corman Park	18	368
	376 B	Eagle Creek	8	314
	403	Rosthern	6	312
	404	Laird	11	256
7A	259	Snipe Lake	16	242
	317 B	Marriott	12	270
	318 A	Mountain View	9	227
	320	Oakdale	2	278
7B	347 A	Biggar	6	358
	347 B	Biggar	11	327
	350 A	Mariposa	NIL	312
	351	Progress	1	311
	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	250
	377	Glenside	5	324
	378 B	Rosemount	2	266
	379	Reford	TR	269
	381	Grass Lake	NIL	315
	409	Buffalo	1	332
8A	395	Porcupine	19	338
	397	Barrier Valley	16	328
	398	Pleasantdale	13	390
	456	Arborfield	16	411
	457	Connaught	15	351
	458	Willow Creek	7	305
	486	Moose Range	7	271
	487	Nipawin	10	358
8B	369	St. Peter	14	363*
	372	Grant	9	254
	399	Lake Lenore	16	355
	402	Fish Creek	11	262
9AE	488	Torch River	7	380
	520	Paddockwood	11	367
9AW	405	Great Bend	9	242
	406	Mayfield	5	312
	435	Redberry	11	376
	436	Douglas	TR	319
	463	Duck Lake	10	394
	464	Leask	5	354
	466	Meeting Lake	2	263
	467	Round Hill	NIL	252
	493	Shellbrook	7	314
	494	Canwood	7	325
	496	Spiritwood	1	333
	497	Medstead	1	259
9B	438	Battle River	TR	231
	442	Manitou Lake	3	306
	468	Meota	3	295
	498 A	Parkdale	TR	262
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	3	285*
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	2	271
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	NIL	328
	502	Britannia	3	327
	588 B	Meadow Lake	3	327
	588 D	Meadow Lake	5	346
	622	Beaver River	TR	304

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

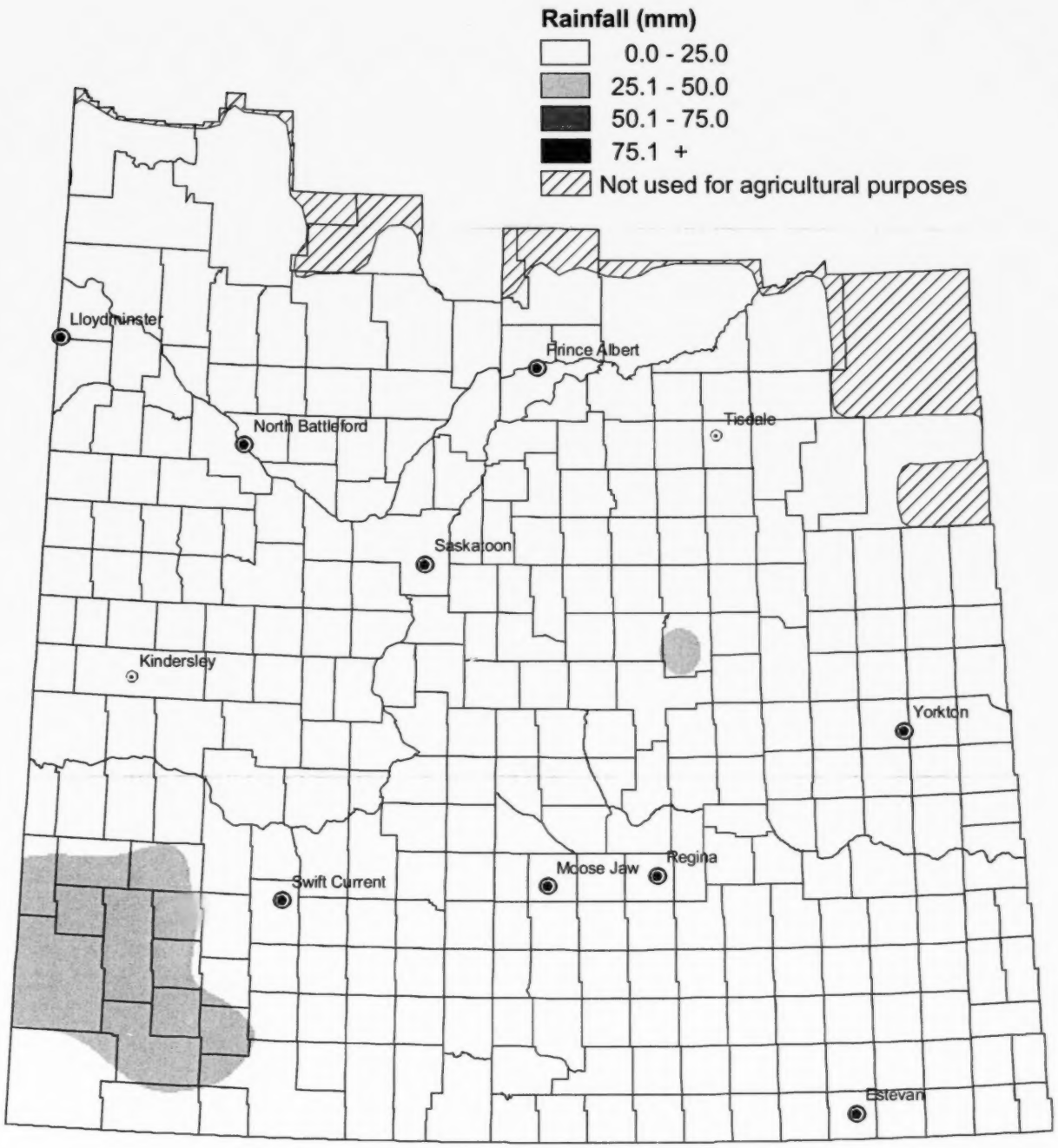
* incomplete

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Cumulative Rainfall
From: April 1, 2007
To: September 29, 2007



Weekly Rainfall
for the week ending September 29, 2007



Crop Districts
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